

pested guest at once startled me, and filled me with admiration; for certainly, no creature of its kind could be compared with him for beauty. His back was a lively green, his face and belly of a very bright yellow, his coat, all over, shining like burnished gold. The extraordinary beauty of the creature raised in me an ardent desire to keep him, but I despaired of ever making him tame, being come to his full growth; therefore, having resolved to keep him tied, I went in and shut the door. The beast, which till then had not offered to make his escape, appeared very much disturbed, and stared about him for some place to get out at, perceiving his disorder, I did not advance, but turned my back, to give him time to compose himself, which he in a short time did, as appeared by his falling to rest again; which made me conceive hopes that I should in time make him familiar. Having about me stale roasted roots, which are much pleasanter than the fresh, and are less stuffing, I threw some to him, at which he seemed displeased, and stood still awhile, staring in my face; but my looking was displeased, which I believe the animal was sensible of, made him pick them up, and fall to eating with a fresh appetite. I was overjoyed at his easy composure, so reached him

water in a shell, that the want of nothing might induce him to retreat. I sat down as near him as I could, without disturbing him, he came to it very orderly, and having drank his fill, he laid it down and looked me in the face, carelessly scratching his backside: Seeing he had done, I advanced, and took away the shell, at which he never stirred.

Heaven be praised! said I, in a transport of joy, which though it separates me from the rest of my species, and from all the assistance they might have afforded me, yet has it in some measure compensated for the loss, by the possession of this beautiful and useful creature, that seems to be endued with every quality but speech to make him a rational being.

The forward disposition of the beast towards a perfect familiarity, made me resolve to stay within the remainder of the day. So I made shift to sup on a few roots I had about me, and went pretty early to-bed; where I was no sooner laid down, than the creature got across the feet thereof, and continued very quiet till the time I got up; at which time he was also watching my actions. I made very much of him, which he took very composedly, standing still to be stroaked, and when I sat down